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[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/59/448/Add.4)*]

59/294. Special subjects and questions relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2004–2005

The General Assembly,

I

Strengthened and unified security management system for the United Nations: standardized access control

Recalling paragraph 44 of section XI of its resolution 59/276 of 23 December 2004,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Strengthened and unified security management system for the United Nations: standardized access control"[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General[1] and endorses the observations and recommendation contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[2]

II

Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council

Recalling its resolution 58/284 of 8 April 2004 and section VII of its resolution 59/276 of 23 December 2004,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General[3] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions[4] concerning the requests of the Secretary-General for additional funding relating to the

[1] A/59/776.

[2] A/59/785.

[3] A/59/534/Add.4.

[4] A/59/569/Add.4.

expansion of the United Nations Political Office for Somalia and for the subvention to the Special Court for Sierra Leone,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General[3] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions[4] concerning the requests of the Secretary-General for additional funding relating to the expansion of the United Nations Political Office for Somalia and for the subvention to the Special Court for Sierra Leone;

2. *Endorses* the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in its report,[4] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. *Decides* to appropriate under the procedure provided for in paragraph 11 of annex I to resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986 an amount of 24,171,700 United States dollars under section 3, Political affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 2004–2005 for the United Nations Political Office for Somalia and for the subvention to the Special Court for Sierra Leone;

4. *Also decides* to appropriate an amount of 377,200 dollars under section 34, Staff assessment, to be offset by a corresponding amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment, of the programme budget for the biennium 2004–2005;

5. *Notes* that the requirements arising under the regular budget in connection with the expansion of the United Nations Political Office for Somalia are estimated at 4,548,900 dollars gross (4,171,700 dollars net), after taking into account the unencumbered balance amounting to 845,700 dollars against the existing appropriation;

6. *Approves* the budget for the United Nations Political Office for Somalia in the amount of 5,394,600 dollars gross (5,017,400 dollars net) for the period from 1 June to 31 December 2005;

7. *Notes* the financial position of the Special Court for Sierra Leone as described in the report of the Secretary-General;[3]

8. *Also notes* the request of the Secretary-General for an additional subvention of 13 million dollars to supplement the financial resources of the Special Court for Sierra Leone for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2005;

9. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General, as an exceptional measure, to enter into commitments in an amount not to exceed 13 million dollars to supplement the financial resources of the Special Court for Sierra Leone, for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2005, under special political missions in section 3, Political affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 2004–2005, on the understanding that any regular budget funds appropriated for the Court would be refunded to the United Nations at the time of liquidation of the Court should sufficient voluntary contributions be received;

10. ***Requests*** **the Secretary-General to provide relevant information regarding the utilization of funds appropriated from the regular budget for the Special Court for Sierra Leone in the context of the second performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2004–2005;**

11. ***Also requests*** **the Secretary-General to keep the Member States informed, as appropriate, about the completion strategy of the Special Court for Sierra Leone;**

12. ***Appeals*** **to Member States, as a matter of urgency, to contribute voluntary funds in support of the Special Court for Sierra Leone;**

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in concert with the Management Committee of the Special Court for Sierra Leone, to redouble efforts to raise voluntary contributions to support the work of the Court, and to report to the General Assembly at its sixtieth session on progress made;

14. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in concert with the Registrar of the Special Court for Sierra Leone, to take fully into account the intentions of donors concerning their voluntary contributions without prejudice to the provisions of the present resolution.

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